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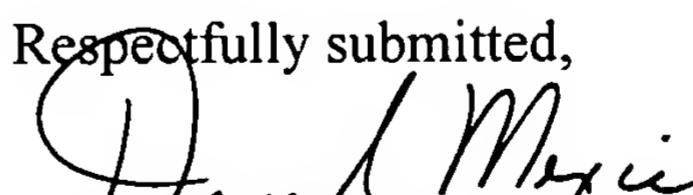
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One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith. *Also, enclosed is a European Office Action in a corresponding European Patent Application, citing the references enclosed with this IDS.*

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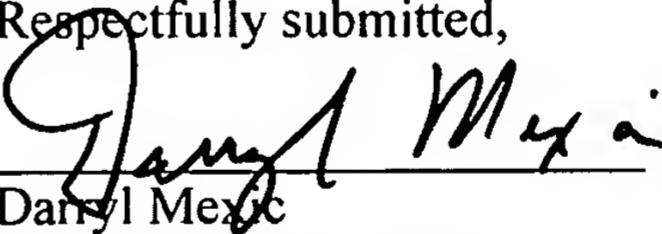
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. *Also, submitted herewith is an English language abstract of International Publication No. WO 00/55603, which abstract constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.*

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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